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October 6, 2021

Senator Ray Holmberg
Chairman – North Dakota Senate Appropriations Committee
621 High Plains Court
Grand Forks, ND 58201-7717

Re: City of Grand Forks ARPA Funding Requests

Dear Senator Holmberg:

It has recently come to our attention that the Appropriations Committees of the House and Senate have begun the process of preparing for the allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars within the upcoming legislative special session. To assist with the review, prioritization, and distribution of these funds, we understand that legislators have until noon on October 6th to submit requests to the Appropriations Committees. The City of Grand Forks currently is contemplating multiple significant economic development and infrastructure priorities with our top priority and most shovel ready project being the **42nd Street and Demers Avenue Grade Separation**.

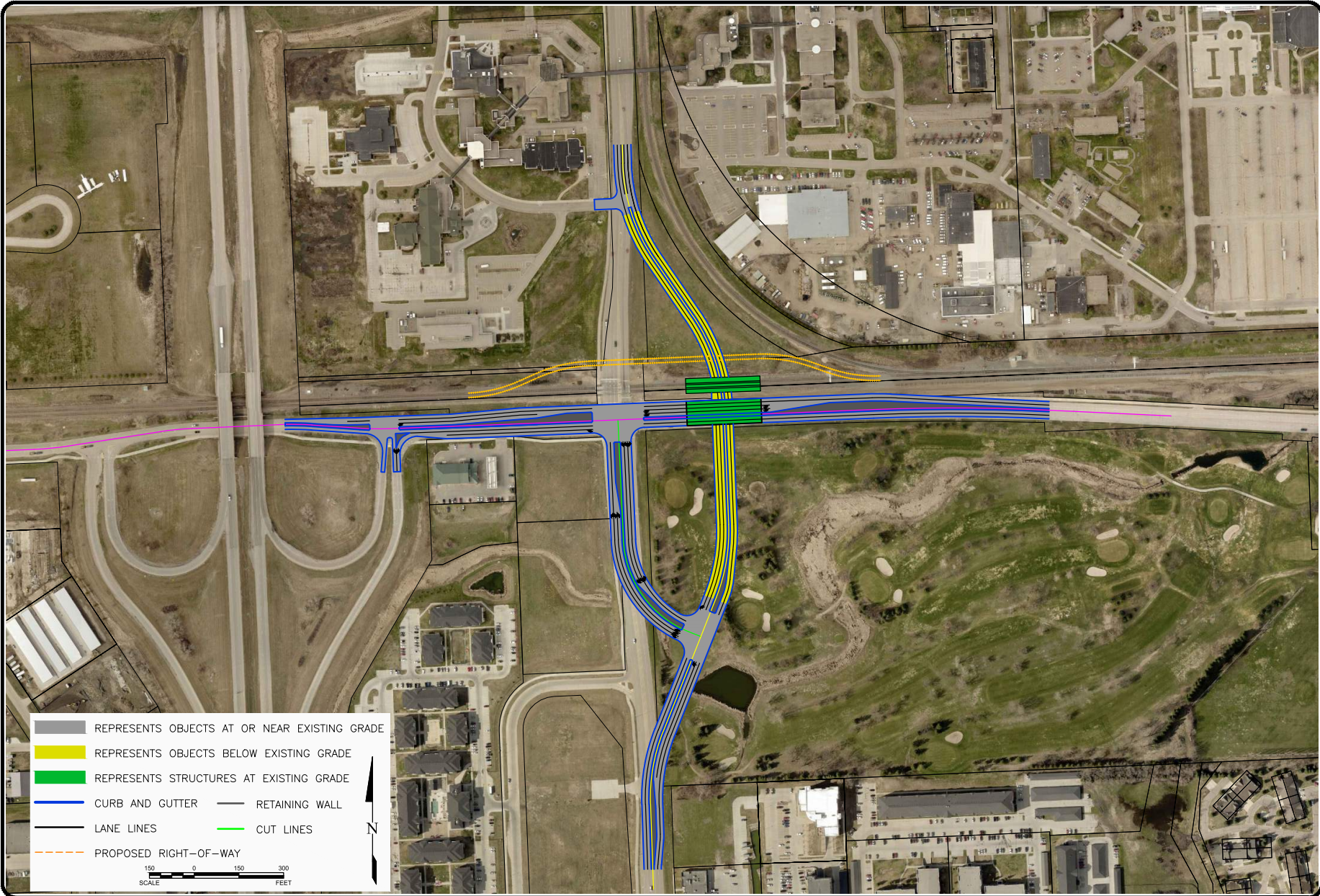
The City has consistently prioritized this project as a top need for the City in our past legislative requests. It is well known that train delays are highly disrupting on this corridor. As one of only three north-south routes crossing the BNSF tracks within the City, train stops at this critical corridor present significant public safety and first response challenges and risks. 42nd Street and Demers Avenue are key thoroughfares leading to major community destinations like the University of North Dakota campus and the Alerus Center which makes increased public safety and needed efficiencies associated with this project a high priority.


The City is highly engaged with BNSF and the University of North Dakota regarding this project and both partners are supportive. We are working closely with the NDDOT on finishing the conceptual design and a final draft environmental document for this project. We are hoping to finalize plans this year with NDDOT concurrence regarding final design and construction. Two preferred alternatives are attached to this document. The total project cost is currently estimated at \$50M and the City is requesting cost-share consistent with current State regional secondary funding policy of 90%, for a total funding request of \$45M.

We have submitted this project for your consideration as our most shovel ready and important infrastructure priority of which has the ability to meet the prioritization criteria of the Appropriations Committees. We sincerely appreciate your consideration of our request. If you should have any questions or require further information, please don't hesitate to contact me directly at bbochenski@grandforksgov.com or by phone at (701) 314-9183

Sincerely,

Brandon Bochenski
Mayor of Grand Forks





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PROJECT NUMBER	2004-01824
ISSUE DATE	2/2021

42ND STREET GRADE SEPARATION
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42ND STREET/DEMERS INTERSECTION
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